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Subject: Amend HB 5602

To members of the Judiciary Committee:

I endorse the amendments (restated below) to HB 5602 recommended by the Greenwich Tree Conservancy. These amendments do not weaken the bill, but make it a better piece of legislation by aiding it to encompass the goals it seeks to accomplish. They are well considered to empower property owners to participate in stewardship of our state's trees.

Please incorporate the following amendments to HB 5602:

- "Diseased" should be replaced with "hazardous" as defined in the statute (16-234). A diseased tree is not necessarily a hazardous tree.
- Due process or a right of appeal should be included.
- A property owner should be able to hire an arborist for a second opinion and if the opinions do not agree, an opportunity for resolution should exist.
- The notice should have a time limitation. There is no time limitation placed on the arborist's assessment so a new owner of the property could be unknowingly liable.

Sincerely,

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